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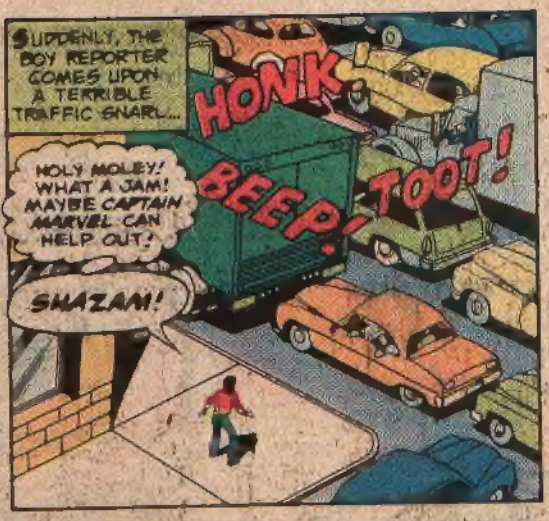
SUDDENLY, THE BOY REPORTER COMES UPON A TERRIBLE TRAFFIC SNARL...
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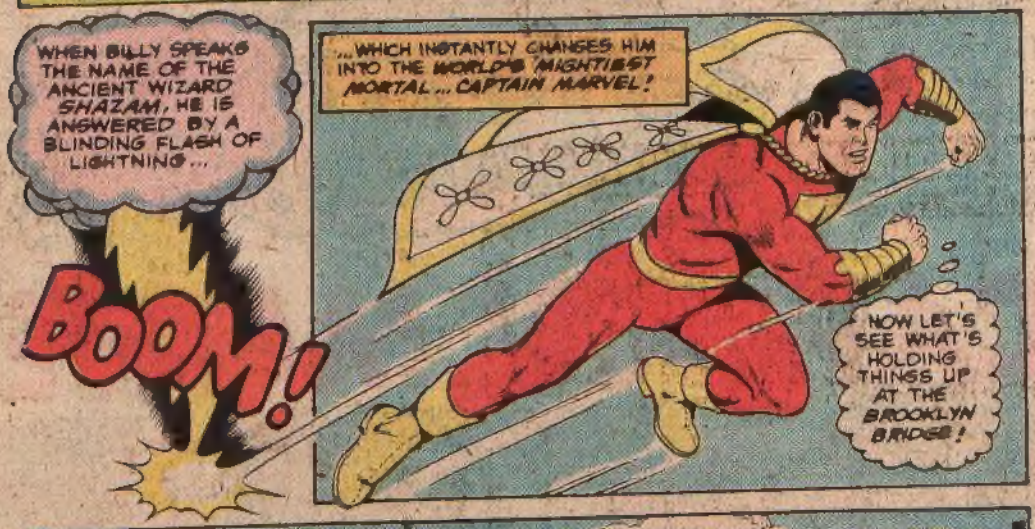
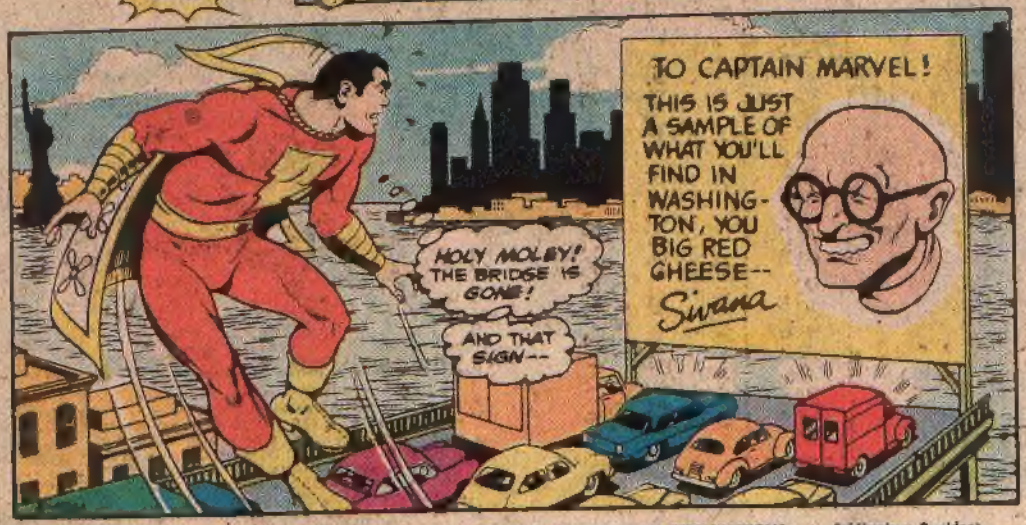
HOLY MOLEY! WHAT A JAM! MAYBE CAPTAIN MARVEL CAN HELP OUT!
SHAZAM!


WHEN BILLY SPEAKS THE NAME OF THE ANCIENT WIZARD SHAZAM, HE IS ANSWERED BY A BLINDING FLASH OF LIGHTNING...
BOOM!
...WHICH INSTANTLY CHANGES HIM INTO THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL... CAPTAIN MARVEL!
NOW LET'S SEE WHAT'S HOLDING THINGS UP AT THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE!


HOLY MOLEY! THE BRIDGE IS GONE!
AND THAT SIGN--
TO CAPTAIN MARVEL!
THIS IS JUST A SAMPLE OF WHAT YOU'LL FIND IN WASHINGTON, YOU BIG RED GHEESE--
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HE SEVEN DEADLY ENEMIES OF MA
HOLY MOLEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

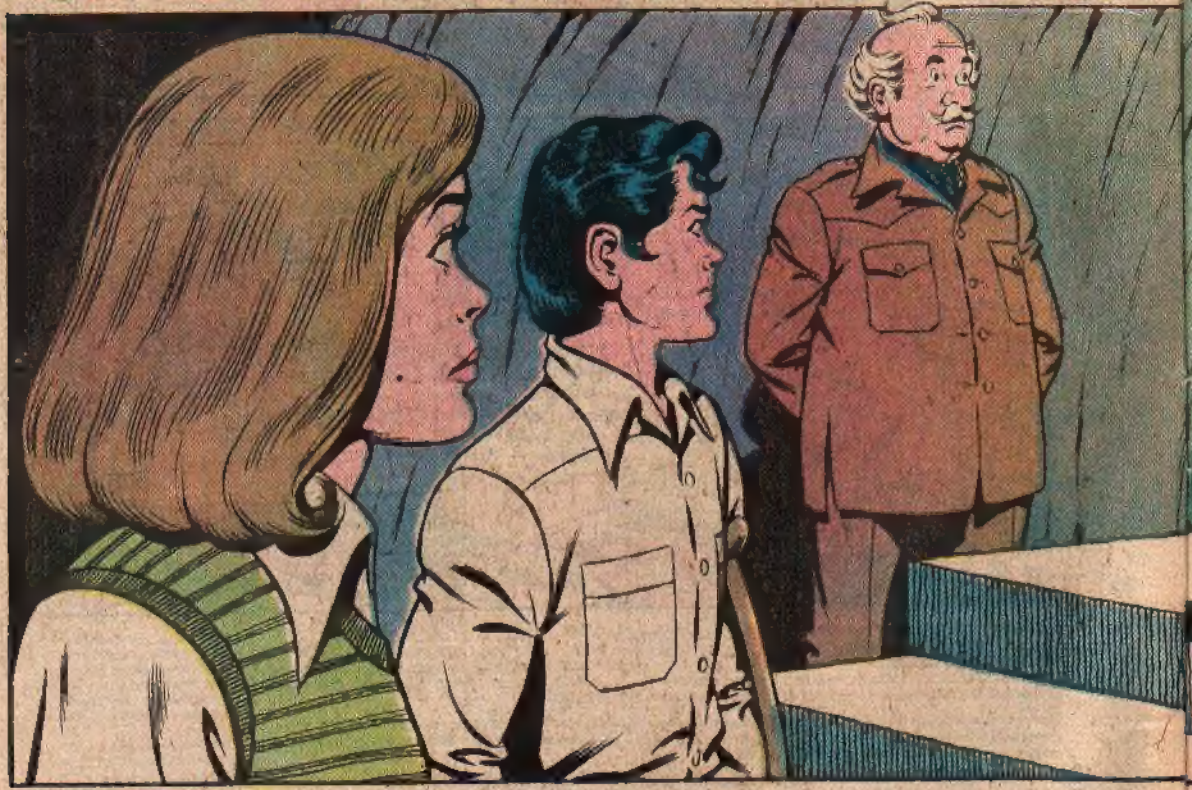
THE QUESTION IS ADDRESSED TO BILLY'S TWIN SISTER, MARY... FREDDY FREEMAN... AND SOMEONE ELSE...
WE WERE SUMMONED HERE...
...BY OLD SHAZAM!
BUT WHO'S THIS WITH YOU?

THE FORM OF THE ANCIENT WONDER-WORKER APPEARS, AND THE FOUR FIGURES STAND RESPECTFULLY BEFORE HIM. FOR THIS IS...

SHAZAM!

...THE MYSTERIOUS FIGURE WHO, AFTER LIVING FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, PASSED HIS MISSION OF FIGHTING EVIL ON TO BILLY BATSON GIVING HIM THE POWER TO BECOME...

CAPTAIN MARVEL



WHAT'S THIS, M'BOY? DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE YOUR OLD UNCLE DUDLEY?
HOLY MOLEY! THAT IS YOU BEHIND THAT LIP-SPINACH! WHAT'S THE IDEA?
SAME REASON YOU LET YOUR HAIR GROW--IT'S THE STYLE, BILLY!

LATER, HE ALSO GAVE SIMILAR POWERS TO MARY AND FREDDY, WHO CAN CHANGE TO *MARY MARVEL* AND *CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.* BUT SOON, BILLY WILL START ON A *NEW* SERIES OF ADVENTURES, BEGINNING WITH...

The CASE of the KIDNAPPED CONGRESS

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I SUPPOSE YOU KNOW WHY I CAME TO SEE YOU, GREAT SIR!
YES, BILLY! AND THAT IS THE REASON I SUMMONED THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE *MARVEL FAMILY!*

YOU HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED BY DR. THADDEUS BODOG SIVANA! HE BOASTS HE WILL DESTROY AMERICA, CITY BY CITY!
YOU MUST FOLLOW AND STOP HIM--AS CAPTAIN MARVEL!
BUT, SIR--I HAVE A JOB AT STATION WHIZ!
YOUR--AH--"UNCLE"* CAN EASE YOUR MIND ON THAT SCORE, BILLY!
QUITE SO, SHAZAM! MR. MORRIS, AT WHIZ, HAS ARRANGED FOR BILLY TO TOUR THE COUNTRY, DOING A SERIES OF SPECIALS ON YOUNG PEOPLE!
BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW?
*DUDLEY IS NOT BILLY'S REAL UNCLE, BUT HAS ADOPTED THE MARVEL FAMILY, THOUGH HE HAS NO POWERS. HE SOMETIMES WEARS A COSTUME AS UNCLE MARVEL.
TUT-TUT, MY BOY! YOU CAN'T GO ALONE! YOU'LL BE USING A TV VAN--SO YOU'LL NEED A DRIVER--AND SOMEONE TO HELP YOU WITH THE EQUIPMENT!
THAT WILL BE YOURS TRULY!
SAY, THAT'LL BE SWELL!
YOU WILL HAVE A GREAT RESPONSI-BILITY, DUDLEY! YOU MUST BE LIKE MENTOR IN ANCIENT TIMES--THE FRIEND OF ODYSSEUS AND TEACHER OF THAT HERO'S SON, TELEMACHUS!
YOU MUST BE BILLY'S MENTOR!
GLADLY, SHAZAM!
BUT WHAT ABOUT US? WHY WERE WE CALLED HERE?
BECAUSE YOU AND MARY MUST ASSUME MORE RESPONSIBILITY WITH CAPTAIN MARVEL AWAY! YOU TWO MUST TAKE ON THE TASKS HE WOULD NORMALLY DO!
SUPPOSE I NEED YOUR ADVICE, GREAT SIR? WILL I HAVE TO FLY BACK HERE AS CAP?
NO--AND YOU NEEDN'T ALWAYS SPEAK TO ME AT ALL!
ELDERS--APPEAR!
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WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
I'M WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, GREEN LANTERN AND YOU'RE WHAT'S GOING DOWN.
MY NAME IS DR. LIVE. SPELL THAT BACKWARDS AND YOU'LL KNOW WHAT TROUBLE YOU'RE IN FOR MY NOSY FRIEND. MY SMALL NOSY FRIEND, THAT IS.
WATCH YOURSELF, GREEN LANTERN! HE'S UP TO NO GOOD!
YOU BRING ME BACK TO SIZE OR YOU'LL BE SORRY, YOU QUACK.
AND WHY SHOULD I? I WANT TO ADD YOU TO MY COLLECTION!
YOU FIEND!
YES, THANK YOU.
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY OUT OF THIS... OR SHOULD I SAY ONLY ONE WAY NOT TO GET IN...
THE POWER RING FLASHES...
BOOM!
...AND AN EMERALD BEAM ENLARGES HIM AND THE OTHER CAPTIVES!
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GREEN LANTERN HAS DEFEATED ME. I'LL HAVE TO CHANGE MY NAME TO RESOL. (SPELL IT BACKWARDS AND YOU'LL KNOW WHAT I MEAN.)
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TEEN TITANS: TOMORROW'S HEROES--TODAY! AND **DOCTOR LIGHT** WANTS TO WIPE THEM OUT BEFORE THEY CAN GET THEIR CAREERS STARTED!

WILL MAL, THE NEWEST **TEEN TITAN**, BE ABLE TO STOP THE LUMINOUS LAWBREAKER--OR WILL **DOCTOR LIGHT** SUCCEED IN KILLING THEM... AND THE JUSTICE LEAGUE AS WELL? ON SALE AUGUST 13TH!

COMMISSIONER GORDON--KIDNAPPED! THE RANSOM? BATMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY--A SECRET EVEN COMMISSIONER GORDON DOESN'T KNOW! IS GORDON DOOMED... WILL BRUCE WAYNE BE SACRIFICED TO SAVE HIM... OR WILL "THE BEST-KEPT SECRET IN GOTHAM CITY" BE REVEALED? ON SALE AUGUST 31ST!

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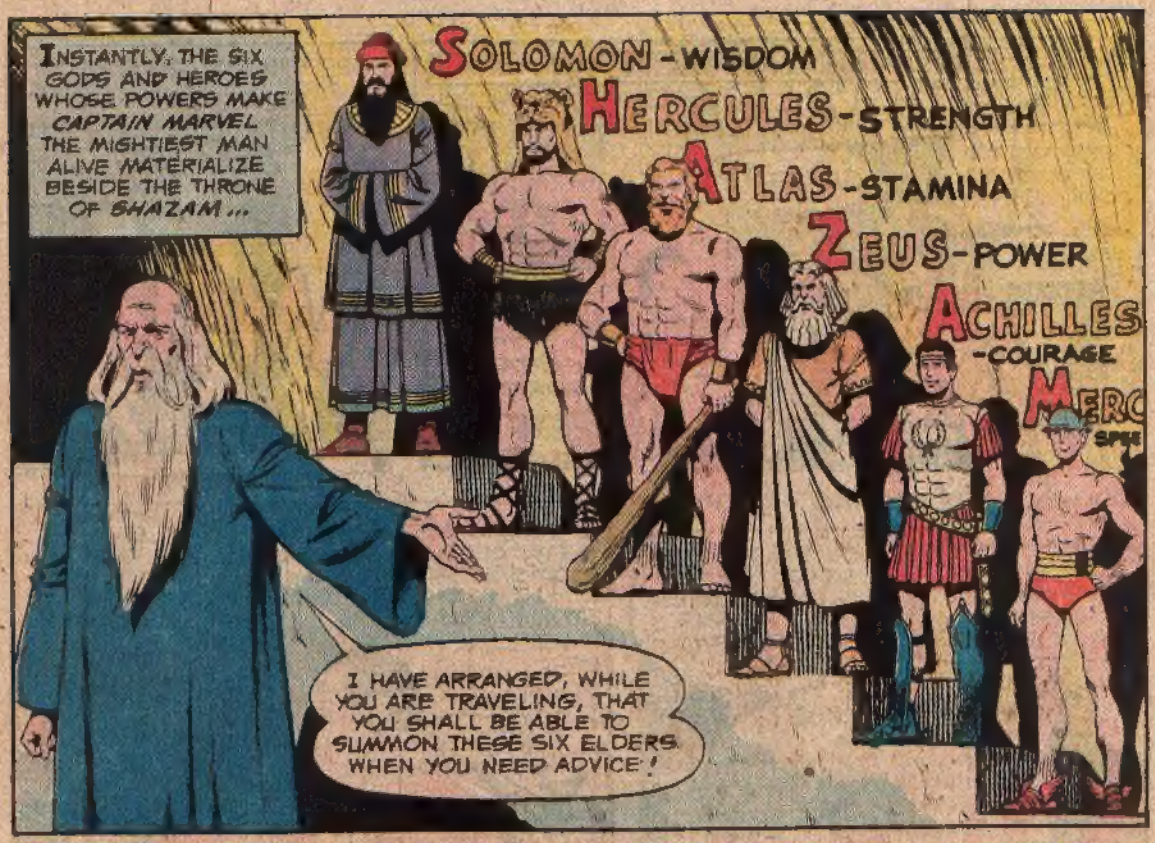
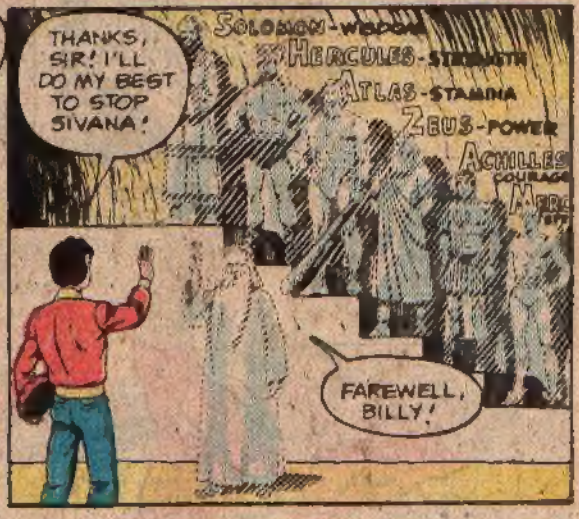
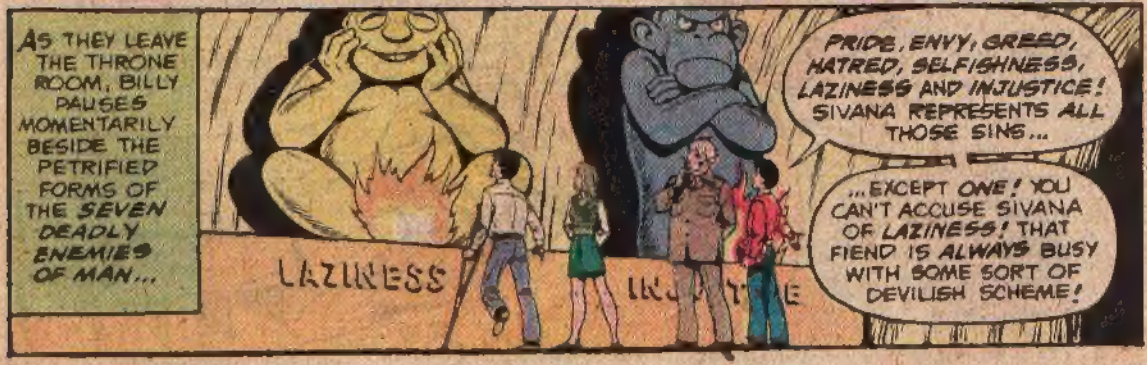
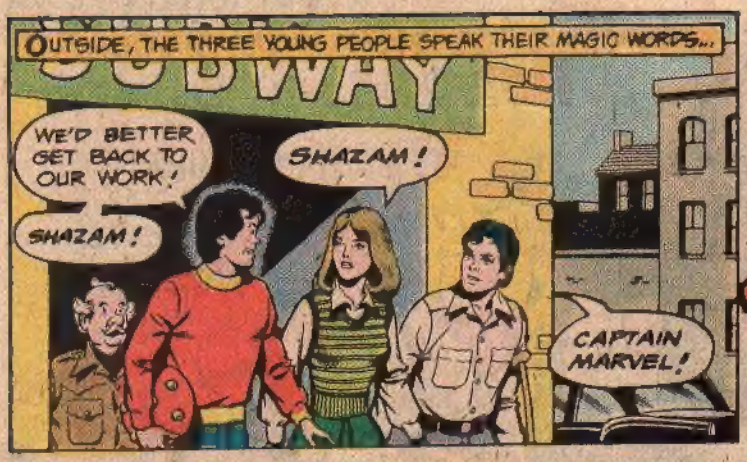

INSTANTLY, THE SIX GODS AND HEROES WHOSE POWERS MAKE CAPTAIN MARVEL THE MIGHTIEST MAN ALIVE MATERIALIZE BESIDE THE THRONE OF SHAZAM...
SOLOMON - WISDOM
HERCULES - STRENGTH
ATLAS - STAMINA
ZEUS - POWER
ACHILLES - COURAGE
I HAVE ARRANGED, WHILE YOU ARE TRAVELING, THAT YOU SHALL BE ABLE TO SUMMON THESE SIX ELDERS WHEN YOU NEED ADVICE!

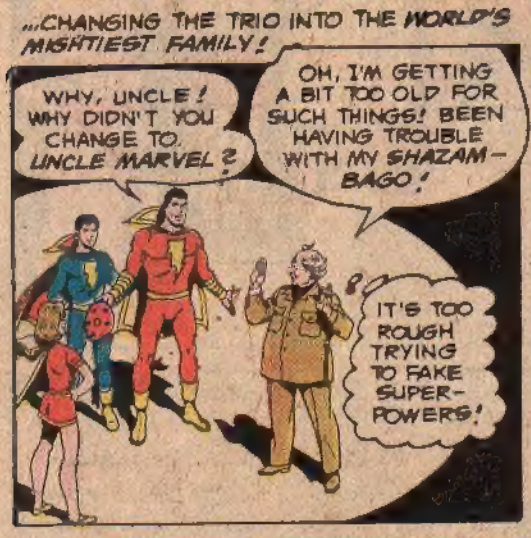
BUT HOW, GREAT SIR?
WITH THIS, BILLY--THE ETERNI-PHONE! EACH OF THE LIGHTS CAN SUMMON ONE OF THE ELDERS--WHILE THE SEVENTH WILL CALL ME!
YOU CAN USE IT TO COMMUNICATE WITH OUR HOME AT THE ROCK OF ETERNITY!

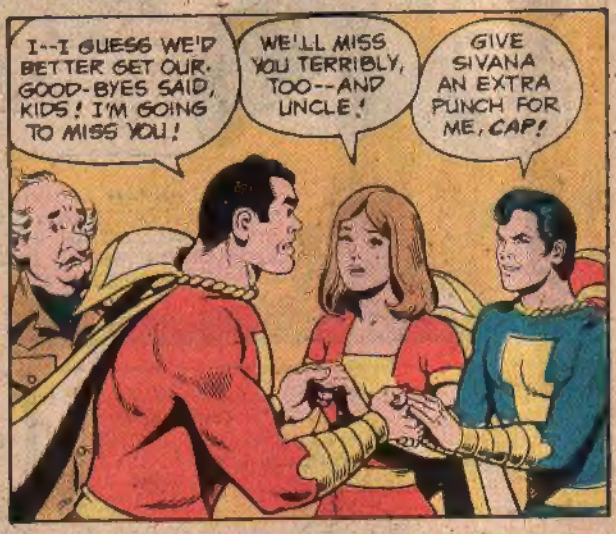

THANKS, SIR! I'LL DO MY BEST TO STOP SIVANA!
FAREWELL, BILLY!

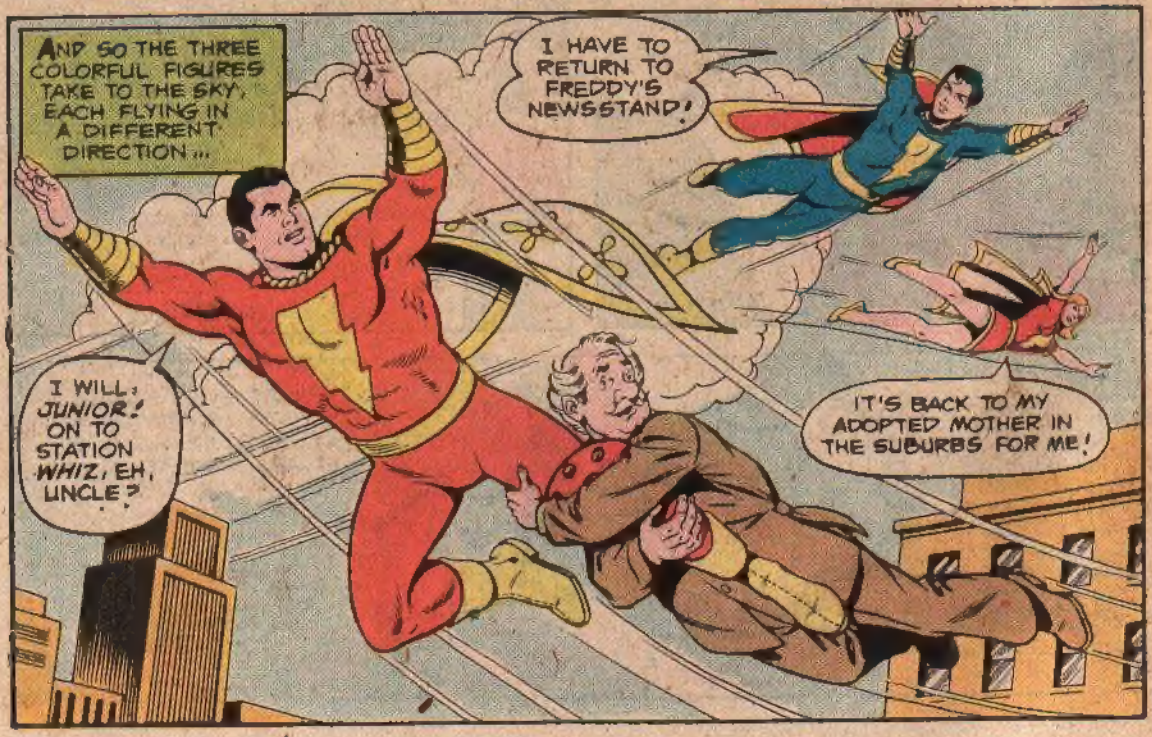

AS THEY LEAVE THE THRONE ROOM, BILLY PAUSES MOMENTARILY BESIDE THE PETRIFIED FORMS OF THE SEVEN DEADLY ENEMIES OF MAN...
LAZINESS
PRIDE, ENVY, GREED, HATRED, SELFISHNESS, LAZINESS AND INJUSTICE! SIVANA REPRESENTS ALL THOSE SINS...
...EXCEPT ONE! YOU CAN'T ACCUSE SIVANA OF LAZINESS! THAT FIEND IS ALWAYS BUSY WITH SOME SORT OF DEVILISH SCHEME!


OUTSIDE, THE THREE YOUNG PEOPLE SPEAK THEIR MAGIC WORDS...
SUBWAY
WE'D BETTER GET BACK TO OUR WORK!
SHAZAM!
SHAZAM!
CAPTAIN MARVEL!

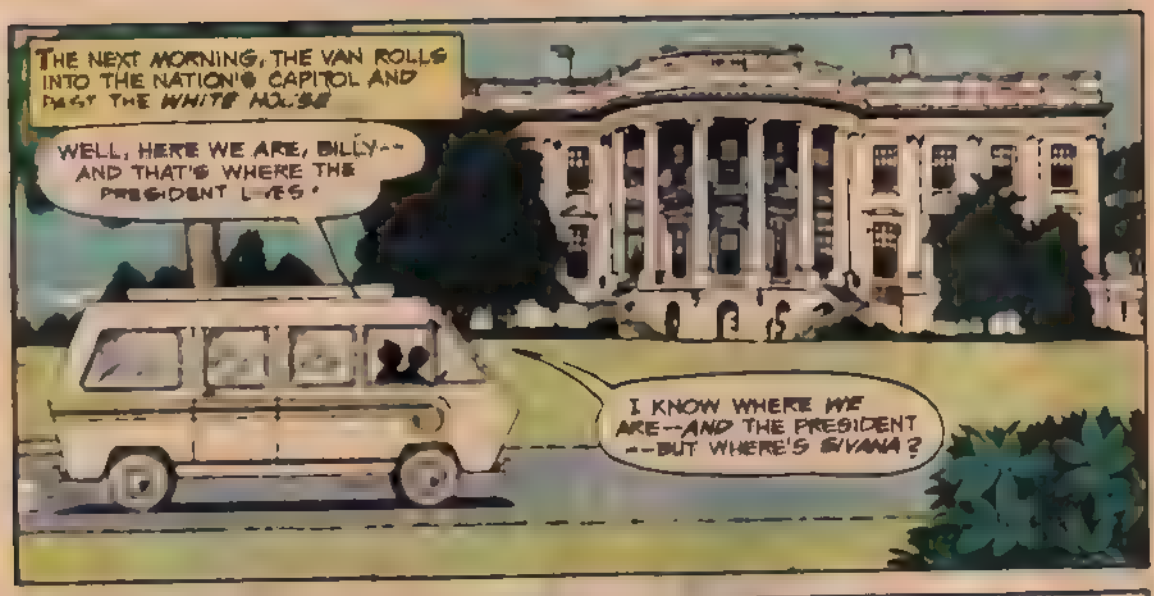
AND THIS TIME, THREE BOLTS OF MYSTICAL LIGHTNING STRIKE...
BAMAMAM


...CHANGING THE TRIO INTO THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST FAMILY!
WHY, UNCLE! WHY DIDN'T YOU CHANGE TO UNCLE MARVEL?
OH, I'M GETTING A BIT TOO OLD FOR SUCH THINGS! BEEN HAVING TROUBLE WITH MY SHAZAM-BAGO!
IT'S TOO ROUGH TRYING TO FAKE SUPER-POWERS!

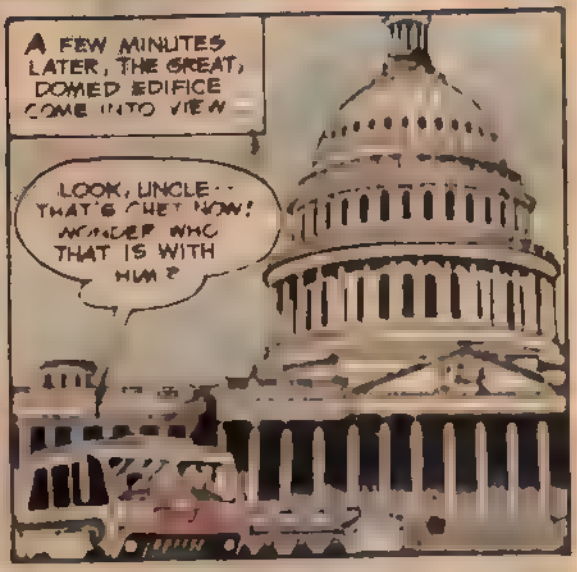

I--I GUESS WE'D BETTER GET OUR GOOD-BYES SAID, KIDS! I'M GOING TO MISS YOU!
WE'LL MISS YOU TERRIBLY, TOO--AND UNCLE!
GIVE SIVANA AN EXTRA PUNCH FOR ME, CAP!


AND SO THE THREE COLORFUL FIGURES TAKE TO THE SKY, EACH FLYING IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION...
I HAVE TO RETURN TO FREDDY'S NEWSSTAND!
I WILL, JUNIOR! ON TO STATION WHIZ, EH, UNCLE?
IT'S BACK TO MY ADOPTED MOTHER IN THE SUBURBS FOR ME!

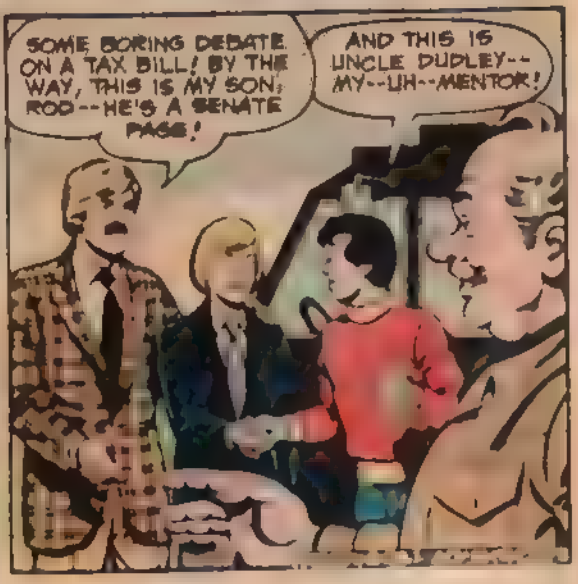
AT THE TV STATION, BILLY'S BOSS, STERLING MORRIS, SHOWS HIM HIS NEW VAN ...
IT'S SPECIALLY DESIGNED WITH ROOM FOR BOTH OF YOU TO SLEEP AND RELAX, PLUS THE LATEST IN TELEVISION EQUIPMENT!
YOU MEAN IT HAS EVERYTHING WE MIGHT NEED?
PERHAPS NOT--BUT I'VE ARRANGED FOR LOCAL STATIONS TO GIVE YOU ANY ASSISTANCE YOU REQUIRE!
WHAT ABOUT MY NEWS SHOWS? WHO'LL HANDLE THEM?
YOUR ASSISTANT, WHITEY MURPHY, WILL FILL IN! YOUR SECRETARY, JOAN JAMESON, CAN HELP HIM OUT!
I'LL DO MY BEST TO KEEP UP YOUR HIGH STANDARDS, BILLY!
THEN, BILLY'S OTHER FRIENDS POUR OUT OF THE WHIZ BUILDING TO BID THE YOUNG NEWSHOUND A FOND FAREWELL
HOLY MOLEY! MR TAWNY! CISSY SOMMERLY, SUNNY, DEXTER, DOC QUARTZ, MA AND PA POTTER!
NEW YORK WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT YOU, BILLY!
DON'T BE GONE TOO LONG!
AND SO THE BOY REPORTER STARTS OUT ON HIS JOURNEY ACROSS THE CONTINENT, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS MUSTACHED MENTOR...
NOW--LET'S FIND SIVANA AND LEARN WHAT'S HE'S DONE WITH THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE!
DO A GREAT JOB!
I'LL TRY, FOLKS! THANKS!
SO LONG, BILLY!


THE NEXT MORNING, THE VAN ROLLS INTO THE NATION'S CAPITOL AND PAST THE WHITE HOUSE
WELL, HERE WE ARE, BILLY-- AND THAT'S WHERE THE PRESIDENT LIVES!
I KNOW WHERE WE ARE--AND THE PRESIDENT --BUT WHERE'S SIVANA?

WHAT'S OUR FIRST STOP, MY LAD?
A LOCAL TV REPORTER, CHET PORTER TOLD MR. MORRIS HE'D MEET US AT THE CAPITOL BUILDING!


A FEW MINUTES LATER, THE GREAT, DOMED EDIFICE COME INTO VIEW
LOOK, UNCLE-- THAT'S CHET NOW! WONDER WHO THAT IS WITH HIM?

B...! BATSON! GOOD TO SEE YOU!
CHET! WHAT'S DOING TODAY?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AND THIS IS UNCLE DUDLEY-- MY--UH--MENTOR!

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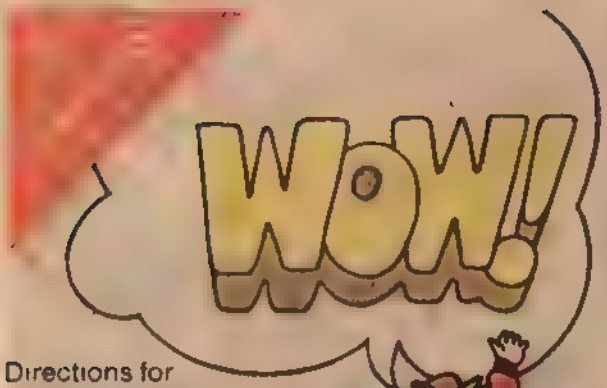

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HAVEN'T HEARD EVEN A RUMOR!
ANY IDEA WHAT HE HAS UP HIS SLEEVE?
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BUT AS THE THREE TURN ONCE AGAIN TOWARD THE CAPITOL...
WELL, I'D BETTER GET BACK TO WORK NOW AND...GOOD GOSH!
GREAT AUNT LIZZIE!
HOLY MOLEY! THE CAPITOL VANISHED WHILE WE HAD OUR BACKS TURNED!
MY DAD WAS IN THERE! I'VE GOT TO FIND HIM!
HOLD IT! LET'S FIGURE OUT WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH FIRST!
AND I KNOW JUST THE MAN TO LOOK FOR THE ANSWER!

SHAZAM!
BOOOOOOM!
I'LL SURVEY THE WHOLE AREA--SEE IF THERE'S ANY CLUE TO HOW THAT DISAPPEARING ACT WAS DONE
BECAUSE I HAVE A PRETTY GOOD IDEA WHO DID IT!
THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL SOARS INTO THE SKY TILL HE IS HIGH ENOUGH TO SEE IN DETAIL A LARGE PART OF THE CITY.
NOTHING IN THE SKY NOTHING EVEN SLIGHTLY DISTURBED ON THE GROUND!
I KNOW SIVANA SOMEHOW STOLE THE CAPITOL, JUST AS HE SNATCHED THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE! BUT HOW?
WHAT I NEED IS A VANTAGE POINT FROM WHICH TO CHECK ALL PARTS OF THE CITY!
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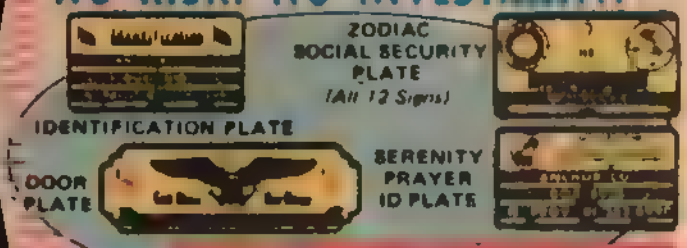

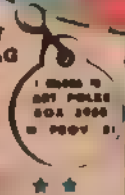

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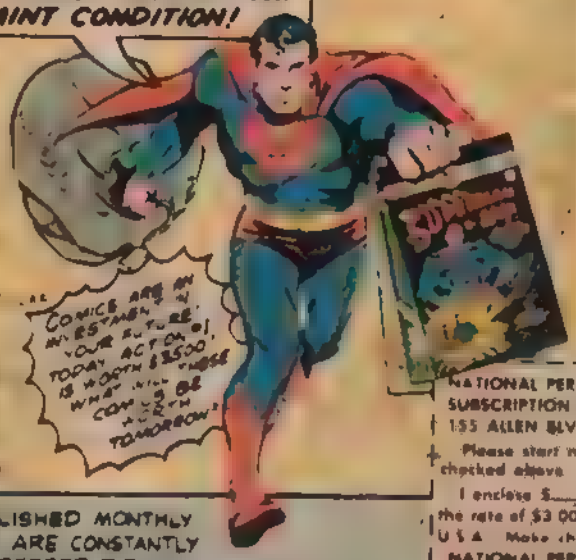

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I HOPE THE VICE PRESIDENT WAS PRESIDING OVER THE SENATE!
MAYBE THE KIDNAPPERS WILL ASK FOR A HEFTY RANSOM TO BRING CONGRESS BACK!
RIGHT! AND WE'LL VOTE NOT TO PAY IT!
HEE, HEE!
HOLY MOLEY! CONGRESS MUST BE DOING SOME AWFULLY BAD THINGS LATELY!
AT THAT MOMENT, A FIENDISHLY FAMILIAR FACE COMES ON A TV SET IN A STORE WINDOW...
ATTENTION EVERYONE! DR SIVANA CUTTING IN ON ALL CHANNELS!
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YOU ROTTEN SKUNK! I'LL FIND OUT HOW YOU DID IT, YET!

TAKING TO THE SKY, CAPTAIN MARVEL STREAKS TO THE SITE OF THE MISSING BUILDING
ANY CLUES?
NONE BUT WHAT SIVANA GAVE THE WORLD! WHERE'S ROD?
WENT TO THE POLICE STATION, HOPING TO FIND A WAY TO HELP HIS DAD!
THE ELDERS? YES, BUT I'LL DO IT AS BILLY!
SHAZAM!
BUT DON'T YOU THINK YOU SHOULD CONSULT...
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WHO BUT YOU COULD TELL ME HOW SIVANA MOVED THE WHOLE CAPITOL FROM ITS PLACE?
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REMEMBER WHAT OLD WILL SHAKESPEARE WROTE "TIME SHALL UNFOLD WHAT PLAITED CUNNING HIDES"
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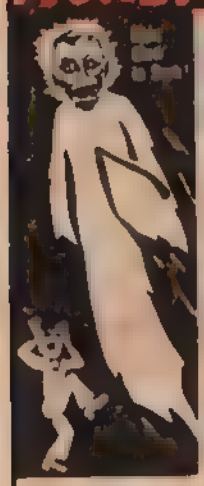

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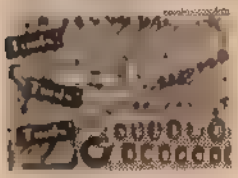

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--AND WHAT WAS IT SIVANA SAID ABOUT 100 MILLION? IF HE DIDN'T MEAN DOLLARS, I HAVE IT!
FLYING FASTER THAN LIGHT WILL CAUSE ME TO BE HURLED FROM THE NORMAL UNIVERSE INTO...!
...ETERNITY!
THERE'S THE ROCK OF ETERNITY, WHERE SHAZAM AND THE ELDERS DWELL--AT THE EXACT CENTER OF TIME AND SPACE!
WAIT, CAPTAIN MARVEL! DID YOU SOLVE THE PROBLEM?
I THINK SO! I'LL FIND OUT--100 MILLION YEARS AGO!
FROM HERE, I CAN REACH ANY POINT IN THE PAST, PRESENT OR FUTURE!
AND RIGHT NOW, I'M HEADED FOR 100 MILLION YEARS IN THE PAST!

SUDDENLY, THE WORLDS MIGHTIEST MAN IS BACK ON EARTH--IN THE DINOSAUR AGE...
THERE'S WHERE NEW YORK WILL BE IN 100 MILLION YEARS! THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE IS RIGHT WHERE IT WILL BE THEN--BUT THE RIVER ISN'T!
WITH INCREDIBLE EASE THE RED-CLAD HERO LIFTS THE MIGHTY SPAN AND SOARS UPWARD...
I'LL JUST FLY THIS BACK TO 1976 THEN RETURN TO FIND THE CAPITOL!
TO THE CHEERS OF THOUSANDS OF NEW YORKERS, CAPTAIN MARVEL REPLACES THE BRIDGE OVER THE EAST RIVER
I KNEW CAPTAIN MARVEL WOULD FIX THINGS!
NICE GOING, CAP!
THEN FLASHES BACK TO THE REMOTE PAST! THE WHITE-CAPED CHAMPION QUICKLY LOCATES THE MISSING CAPITOL.
THERE'S THE CAPITOL, ALL RIGHT! SIVANA DIDN'T MOVE IT AN INCH FROM ITS SITE--
--BUT HE BROUGHT IT BACK 100 MILLION YEARS IN TIME!
AT THAT INSTANT, A TERRIFYING FORM LUMBERS FROM THE JUNGLE...
OH-OH--I DIDN'T COME A MOMENT TOO SOON! THAT TYRANNOSAURUS LOOKS MIGHTY HUNGRY!

SORRY, BIG FELLA--CONGRESSMAN ISN'T ON THE MENU TODAY!
POW!
THAT'S THAT! MR. HUNGRY SEEMS TO HAVE LOST HIS APPETITE!
NOW TO SEE WHAT I CAN DO ABOUT THE CAPITOL!
CAPTAIN MARVEL! AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU!
YOU CAN GET US BACK TO OUR OWN TIME!
IT WOULD BE EASY ENOUGH TO CARRY THE CAPITOL BACK TO 1976--
--BUT I'M NOT SURE YOU PEOPLE COULD SURVIVE THE ULTRA-LIGHT SPEED!
I HAVE AN IDEA! DON'T WORRY--I'LL BE BACK SOON!
OKAY--WE TRUST YOU, CAP!
I CAN'T SNOOP INCONSPICUOUSLY AS CAPTAIN MARVEL--BUT AS BILLY, IT SHOULD BE SIMPLE!
SHAZAM!

BAOOMM!
MINUTES LATER, THE BOY BROADCASTER SLIPS INTO THE BUILDING THROUGH A BASEMENT WINDOW...
"I FIGURE SIVANA MUST BE HIDING IN THE CAPITOL ITSELF! I'LL NOSE AROUND TILL I FIND HIM!
WATCH IT, BILLY--YOU'VE FOUND HIM...
HEH, HEH! I WAS EXPECTING YOU, BILLY!
MMMPPHH!
I PICKED UP YORGULL, THE CAVE MAN, IN A MUCH LATER TIME PERIOD! YOU CAN'T ESCAPE ME THIS TIME!
BUT BILLY SINKS HIS TEETH INTO THE CAVEMAN'S POWERFUL HAND!
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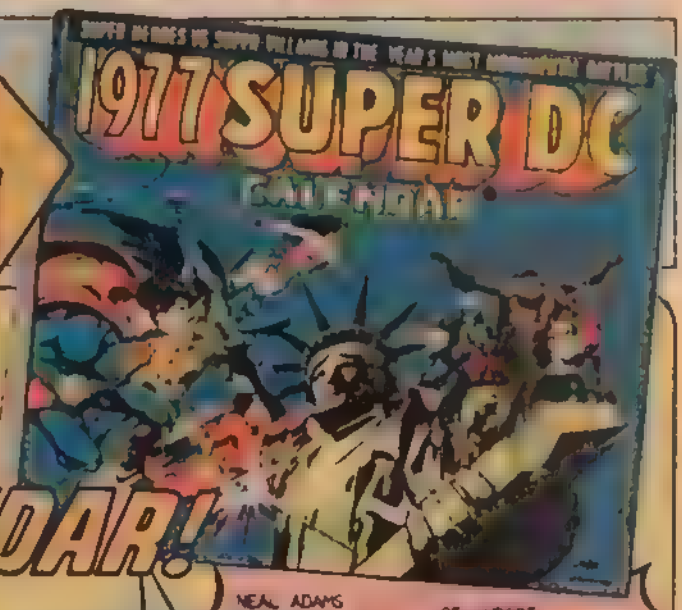

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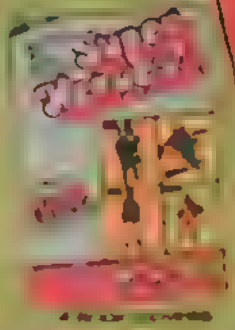

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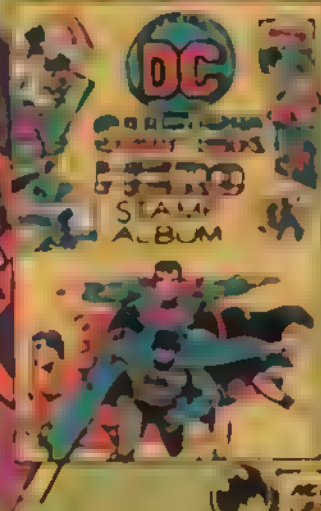

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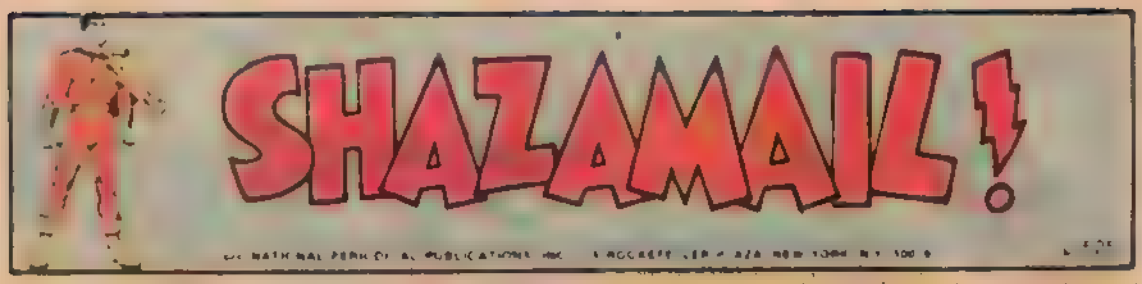
CURSES! ANOTHER PLOT--RUINED!
NOW, SIVANA--ARE YOU GOING TO RETURN THIS BUILDING TO 1976, OR
DON'T HIT ME! I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU SAY!
WITH EVERYONE SAFELY INSIDE THE CAPITOL, SIVANA TAKES HIS PLACE AT HIS TIME-TRAVEL DEVICE...
THERE--THIS WILL PUT THE CAPITOL BACK IN THE 20th CENTURY--DROP YORGULL BACK IN HIS OWN TIME...
...AND SEND ME BACK WHERE YOU CAN'T GET AT ME! HEH, HEH, HEH! SEE YOU IN PHILADELPHIA!
HOLEY MOLEY!
SO, IN 1976, A JOYFUL REUNION TAKES PLACE...
DAD! DAD! CAPTAIN MARVEL BROUGHT YOU BACK!
HE SURE DID, SON!
TOO BAD WE DIDN'T GET ANY PICTURES OF YOU BACK IN THE PAST, MY BOY!
WHO SAYS WE DIDN'T? I GOT HIM TANGLING WITH A DINOSAUR ON MY PORTABLE, BATTERY-POWERED CAMERA!
THERE STANDS A TRUE REPORTER! CONGRATULATIONS, CHET!
THE END
NEXT ISSUE, CAPTAIN MARVEL FINDS NEW SCHEMES BY SIVANA IN PHILADELPHIA--PLUS A SPECIAL GUEST-STAR!--ON SALE THE THIRD WEEK IN OCTOBER.



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To the Wonderful World of Magic and Adventure Editor:

SHAZAM #24 arrived in the mail at an opportune time. It was there just as I returned home with a rather important guest, my frequent correspondent, Rich Morrissey, who was in Columbus for a short visit. Actually, neither of us had the time at that moment to sit down and read the issue; although I did give the letter column a quick glance (and was semi-surprised to see my own missive there), and quickly read the first story, which was a good reprint.

Evidently, the idea of suspended animation appealed to Sivana—and well it should have, considering **Captain Marvel's** telling him that "Billy might **never** have escaped from" it—for not too long after this tale, Thaddeus was to develop his **Suspendium,** which entrapped not only the **Marvel Family,** but his own. I always wondered why Sivana could come up with hundreds of different gimmicks to use against **CM,** but never bothered to use any of them a second time. For once, it seems, he finally **did** decide to use a certain ploy (albeit a variation thereupon) a second time. Once second ...?" Anyway . . .

The **Junior** story was acceptable although we found it difficult to like Bud Thompson's art. And captain's the lead story was from *CAPTAIN MARVEL ADVENTURES* #148 Sept., '53. Where did the Jr. story originally appear?) It's too bad space limitations prevent you from reprinting some of the longer **Jr.** tales which appeared in **MASTER,** by Kurt Schaffenberger, the World's Greatest Artist.

John Pierce, Columbus, Ohio

That *Jr.* tale came from *CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.* #118, Apr., 1953. By the way, next issue, Sivana will return to another diabolical invention he used in the past (1943), which will necessitate a team-up between Cap and another hero—*Kid Eternity!* I take it you like the new *SHAZAM* art—by the World's Greatest Artist!—E.N.B.

Dear Editor:

Here's another one of those technical goofs that look great but would not happen in reality.

Freddy Freeman says the name of his favorite hero, **Captain Marvel,** in order to become **Captain Marvel Jr.** But if Captain Marvel Jr. of the Days of Robin Hood now can he turn into **CMJ** if **CM** himself wasn't living yet?

Let's see you get out of this mess without a wisecrack.

Unsigned, Jamaica, N.Y.

Easy! *The Elders* who send that magic lightning dwell on the *Rock of Eternity,* at the exact center of time and space. From there, they can reach the past and future as well as the present. Simple?—E.N.B.

Dear Nelson:

Okay, what's going on? **SHAZAM** started as a bi-monthly quickly went to monthly before going back to the bi-monthly route. The latter wasn't too bad since each issue was 100 pages. And now quarterly! That can only mean sales are down and I'd better hold on to my 24 issues because they're going to become collectors' classics.

It was bound to happen, though. After all, I was a fan of **WEIRD WORLDS** and **THE SHADOW** and both vanished. I even picked up the **SHERLOCK HOLMES** [illegible] to see I go after one issue. For now it appears **SHAZAM** is next. What's the matter? You don't like my money?

Doug Nye, Columbus, The Columbus (S.C.) Record

We love your money, Doug! That's why we've arranged to get you to spend it on this mag six times a year instead of four. It's people like you who are the reason *SHAZAM* sales are now up!—E.N.B.

Dear Mr. Bridwell:

In the past few **SHAZAM** issues, there have been reprints. Being a **SHAZAM** [illegible] I enjoyed the past adventures of **Captain Marvel.** It gives newcomers like me some history of **Cap's** adventures.

The lead story of #24 was a good change of pace from Sivana and the **Captain** fighting each other. But why didn't Sivana [illegible] because of that dome broken by **Captain Marvel?**

The **Captain Marvel Jr.** story was not at all good compared to the lead story. Junior's tales need to have better action than just a fight scene.

[illegible] the origins of the **Marvel Family** for newcomers like me and would like to know how they came to be.

Summing up the issue, it was great. It did have its flaws. But then again, I'm happy to see any **Shazam** issue in the mailbox.

Oksner did the cover, right?

Jeff Lewis, Texarkana, Tex.

Half right. Bob Oksner inked that cover over Ernie Chua's pencils. The reason Sivana didn't suffocate was that he sealed off the broken dome from the rest of the ship before going into space. As for the origins, we have printed no less than five *Captain Marvel* origins in the past three years—including the first one, in our *FAMOUS FIRST EDITION* of *WHIZ COMICS,* three from later issues of *CAPTAIN MARVEL ADVENTURES* and a new one done for *SHAZAM #1.* Hold it—I nearly forgot a sixth—from *MARVEL FAMILY #1* which also featured the origins of *Junior and Mary.* By the way, that first origin story is available in the book *SECRET ORIGINS OF SUPER DC HEROES,* published in hard cover by Harmony Books and in soft cover by Warner Books.—E.N.B.

Dear People:

Can you settle an argument? Is **Captain Marvel's** birthday April 1? Boys, go see the Jazz he was treated whenever that was.

Sharon Porper, New York, N.Y.

Billy's birthday is Dec. 23. The story indicating it was April 1 was an April Fool's joke. Billy first became *Cap* on Nov. 8, but Cap has chosen to celebrate on Feb. 29.—E. NELSON BRIDWELL

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TEEN TITANS TACKLE DR. LIGHT!

VILLAIN USES JUNIOR HEROES TO GET AT JLA

(Titans HQ)—*Dr. Light*, the master villain who has tried time and again to defeat the *Justice League*, has come up with a new scheme to get at the world's greatest super-heroes.

The Lord of Luminescence sends out a signal to *Robin, Wonder Girl, Kid Flash, Speedy* and *Mal* to lure them into their *Teen Titans* headquarters and then traps them. With the junior heroes as hostages, *Dr. Light* hopes to gain entrance to the *Justice League* satellite and thereby trap the *JLAers* in their own home base.

Can *Dr. Light* really become "The Man Who Toppled the Titans" or will he be foiled? Paul Levitz, Pablo Marcos and Bob Smith have the answers in *TEEN TITANS #44*, on sale the week of August 16th. Plus in this issue, see what happens when *Mal* decides to become a full-fledged super-hero!

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ON SALE WEEK OF AUGUST 16th

ALL STAR COMICS #63—"The Death of Doctor Fate" is the title and that's only the beginning. Add the *Injustice Gang, Zanadu* the Chaos-Maker and a mysterious guest hero and you've got the *Super-Squad* story of the decade, courtesy of Paul Levitz, Keith Giffin and Wally Wood!

CLAW #10—Our hero wraps up his battles with everybody in "Epilogue" by David Michelinie, Keith Giffin and Bob Layton.

SUPERMAN FAMILY #180—The Girl of Steel suffers amnesia blackouts, making it awfully hard for her to discover "The Secret of the Spellbound Supergirl" in this tale by Cary Bates and Kurt Schaffenberger. Plus: "The Nine Lives of Jimmy Olsen" and "The Girl That Almost Married Clark Kent!"

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TRIVIA QUIZ #15

Batman's been teaming up with lots of the DC Super-Stars in *BRAVE & BOLD*. Can you name the one crimefighter who's worked with him most often in that magazine? And do you know which prominent DC hero has never joined the Caped Crusader in *B&B*? The answers will be in next week's PLANET!

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S QUIZ: Jimmy Olsen knows *Batman* and *Robin's* identities. Commissioner Gordon knows his daughter Babs is *Batgirl*. Iris Allen knows The Flash is her husband Barry. *Green Lantern's* Hal Jordan identity is known to Carol Ferris. And the father-son team of Pete and Jonathan Ross know Superman is Clark Kent, but neither Jon nor *Supie* knows that Pete has that knowledge.

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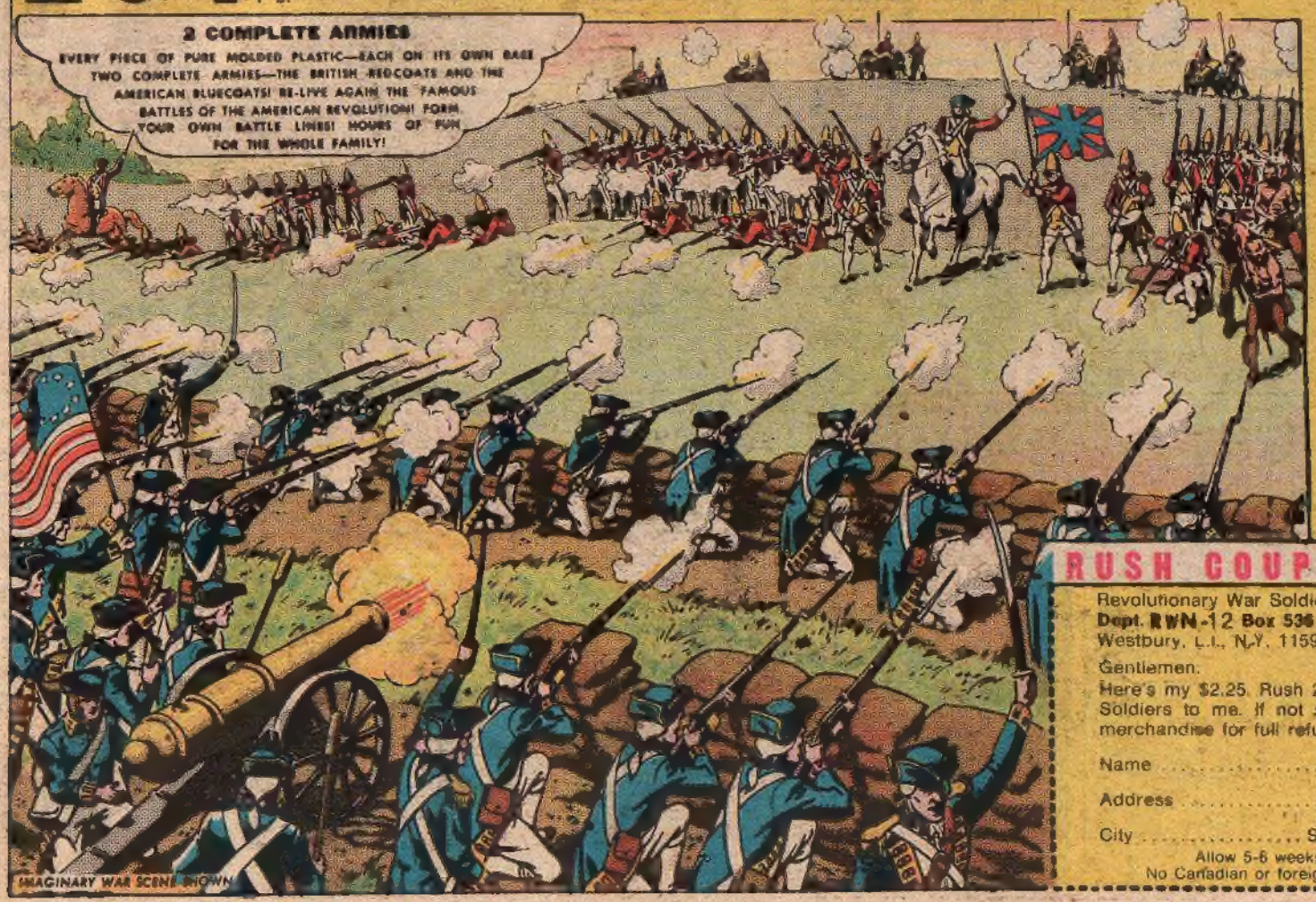

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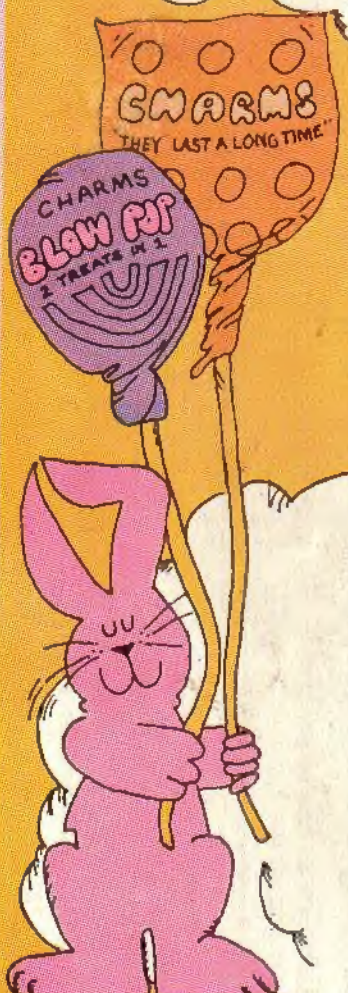

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